

### Handing over of Janatha Bazaar to Co-operative Wholesale Society in Belgaum

480. Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether there is a wholesale Society in Belgaum;
- (b) the extent of loss incurred by the said society up to 1969;
- (c) the name of the Chairman of the said society ;
- (d) whether the Chairman of the Society is an M. L. C.
- (e) whether the Government has handed over the Janatha Bazaar to this Wholesale Society, if so, when ;
- (f) the profit earned by the Janatha Bazaar ?

Sri B. L. GOWDA (Deputy Minister for Co-operation).—

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Rs. 1,28,87,2.00.
- (c) Sri G. B. Patil.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) The Wholesale Stores Ltd., Belgaum was already dealing in consumer commodities and transferred its activities to the Janata Bazaar on 19th March 1969. The question of Government handing over the Janata Bazaar to the Wholesale Society does not arise.

(f) Rs. 4,253-18 from 19-3-1969 to 30-6-1969.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—When there is a Government Officer working as Manager of this Wholesale Society, may I know why there is loss to the tune of Rs. 1.20 lakhs ?

† Sri B. L. GOWDA.—Just because there is a Government Officer, he will not be personally responsible for the whole management. Losses are incurred because they had Tur Dhal from Northern India. All of a sudden the prices in the market went down and the society had to incur loss. In the earlier two years the society has got good profits.

✓ Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether the Chairman of the society Sri G. B. Patil, M. L. C. is aspiring for ministership and that is why the Government handed over the Janatha Bazaar to Wholesale Society ?

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—That is not correct.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now held over question No. 526. It was taken up on 13-3-70 earlier.